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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SHOICHI SUZUKI, ET AL. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/808,556 ) : Group Art Unit: NYA  
Filed: March 25, 2004 ) :  
For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE, WHITE ) : June 1, 2004  
BALANCE PROCESSING METHOD, :  
PROGRAM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM )

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>INVENTOR(s)</u>
09/624,622	07/25/2000	2715	Eiichiro Ikeda

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

#### FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

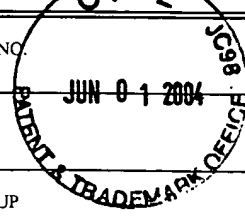
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		6,160,579	12/12/2000	Shiraiwa et al.	348	224	
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